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Applicants: Katunari OHSONO, et al.  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:.

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PTO-1449**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of consideration by the Examiner of all of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 2, 2001, a re-signed copy of which is attached as well as a date-stamped filing receipt indicating filing of the IDS on August 2, 2001. The Applicants note that the Official Action dated August 25, 2003, included a copy of the IDS that included seven Foreign Patent Documents that were initialed as being considered by the Examiner. However, the copy of the IDS attached to the August 25, 2003, Official Action did not include the Examiner's initials next to the document listed under the Other References heading as reference "AW," authored by Kunio Maruoka. The Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement that the Kunio Maruoka reference was considered by the Examiner.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the Applicants with a copy of the IDS filed on August 2, 2001, that acknowledges consideration of the Kunio Maruoka reference, thereby clarifying that all of the reference cited in the IDS have been considered and made of record.

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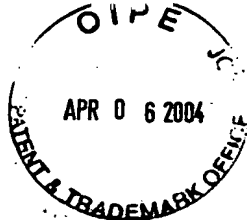
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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☐ pp. Specification & Claims/Drawings      Sheets
- ☐ Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney      pages
- ☐ List of Inventor Names and Addresses
- ☐ Utility Patent Application      ☐ CPA
- ☐ Notice of Priority      ☐ Priority Doc
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- ☐ Assignment/PTO-1595 pages:
- ☐ Letter to Official Draftsman
- ☐ Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Drawings      sheets      ☐ Formal
- ☐ Letter
- ☐ Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement      ☒ PTO-1449
- ☒ Cited References ( 3 )
- ☒ INTERNATIONAL Search Report and JAPANESE Office Action
- ☐ Statement of Relevancy
- ☒ IDS/Related/List of Related Cases      ☒ Cited Pending Applications ( 1 )
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached International Search Report and Japanese Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of reference(s) AO through AS, have been received by the U.S. PCT Receiving Office from the International Bureau as acknowledged in the Notification of Acceptance.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

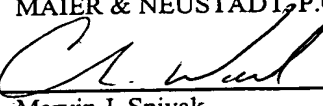
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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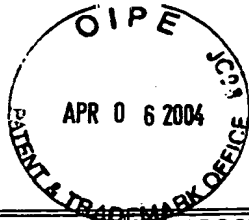
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